

Web site launched for town of Urbana

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HAMMONDSPORT | A new Web site for the town of Urbana offers visitors information ranging from town hall hours and summer recreation programs to tax records and genealogy.

The Web site, developed by graphics designer Bob Magee, was presented to the town board this week.

"It's absolutely fantastic," said Councilman James Pressley.

The Web site took more than two months to put together, Magee said.

"I tried to think of everything people wanted and put it on there," he said.

The site includes basic information and phone numbers for the town government and departments, the town's comprehensive plan and minutes and agendas for the town, planning

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www.townofurbana.net

'Tobacco Free' event today at Harris Hill

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BIG FLATS | A Play Tobacco Free event will be held from noon to 2 p.m. today at Harris Hill.

The event celebrates tobacco free parks and playgrounds and is sponsored by the Southern Tier Tobacco Awareness Community Partnership.

Free give-aways will be provided, as well as free miniature golf for the first 140 people.

The event comes on the heels of a resolution passed last fall which limits smoking at county parks, including Harris Hill, Park Station and the Chemung County Fairgrounds. Designated areas permitting smoking have been established away from playground areas at the parks.

The Young Lungs at Play initiative is a partnership between the Chemung County Executive's Office, Chemung County Health Department, Chemung Board of Health, Chemung County Environmental Health Services and the Southern Tier Tobacco Awareness Community Partnership.

Phone scam targets Medicare beneficiaries

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ELMIRA | A Medicare phone scam is circulating through Chemung and Schuyler counties.

According to the Chemung County Department of Long Term Care and Aging, the scam involves a caller asking Medicare beneficiaries to give their Medicare number. The caller says the Medicare system is issuing new cards and needs to collect additional information in order to send out the new documentation.

The scam was uncovered when a beneficiary's daughter answered a phone call for her mother. When the woman refused to give her mother's Medicare number, the caller became hostile.

The caller identified herself as Sara Martin and would not provide a call-back phone number.

Medicare personnel will not call beneficiaries and ask for such information, officials said.

If anyone receives a similar call, they should hang up and call the Senior Medicare Patrol hotline at (877) 678-4697.

NEW CAMPAIGN OFFICE



Congressional candidate Eric Massa's new campaign office on West Market Street opened Friday afternoon.

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Congressional candidate Eric Massa waves to supporters Friday during his speech at the opening of his office on West Market Street.

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IN BRIEF

Kuhl Road detour discussion slated

LINDLEY | A special meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the Lindley Town Hall to discuss the Kuhl Road detour.

School board meeting slated

ODESSA | The Odessa-

Montour school board will hold its annual organizational meeting at 7 p.m. July 1 in the Hanlon Conference Room.

Planning board to meet June 30

LINDLEY | The Lindley Planning Board will hold a special meeting to review the

Sateline Camping CUP application at 7 p.m. June 30 at the Lindley Town Hall.

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Representatives from Corning Hospital receive the 2008 VHA Leadership Award for Clinical Excellence. From left: Mary Vosburgh, director of inpatient nursing services; Pam Lewis, vice president, nursing; Darlene Farnham, director, quality/infection control; and Susan Gilbert, assistant director of inpatient nursing services.

VHA honors hospital

BY ANTHONY AFFISSIO
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CORNING | The Guthrie Corning Hospital has been recognized by VHA Inc., a national health care alliance, for its excellent care to patients in intensive care units.

The 2008 VHA Leadership Award for Clinical Excellence honors organizations that have set themselves apart from other VHA members. The Guthrie Corning Hospital is one of only 21 hospitals nationwide to receive the honor. VHA serves more than 1,400 nonprofit hospitals in the country.

IN BRIEF

School board to meet Tuesday

PRATTSBURGH | The Prattsburgh school board will hold a special meeting to discuss wind farm litigation at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the superintendent's office. The meeting will be held in executive session. At 7 p.m., the board will then go to the Prattsburgh Town Hall to meet with officials there behind closed doors.

New parking changes in H'Port

HAMMONDSPORT | The Village of Hammondsport recently enacted the following changes in parking: Police parking eliminated in front of 41 Lake St; No stopping or standing on east side of Main Street 75 feet from center line of Lake Street; Parking prohibited at all times on Orchard Street west between Lake Street and Myrtle Avenue; Parking prohibited on both sides of all streets from 2-6 a.m. from Dec. 1 - April 1.

"We are thrilled about the award," said Shirley Magana, president and COO of the hospital. "This award really helps recognize the fine clinical skills of our nursing staff."

In order to win the award, Corning Hospital had to demonstrate its intensive care unit applied specific processes to eliminate or reduce the risk for bloodstream infections.

"This award validates the dedicated focus of our clinical staff and physicians," said Pam Lewis, vice president of nursing at Corning Hospital. "Patients in ICU are often sicker than other patients, and therefore more susceptible to developing complications."

Humane Society, SPCA closed July 4

ELMIRA | The Chemung County Humane Society and SPCA will be closed on July 4 in honor of Independence Day. Normal business hours will resume on the following day. For more information, call 732-1827.

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Strawberry Festival
5-7:30pm
Wednesday, June 25
Grace United Methodist Church
191 Bridge St., Corning
\$3.50 per person

Homeowner's Corner
by Matthew Smith

TIPS FOR INSTALLING BAMBOO FLOORING
Once thought to be exotic, bamboo flooring is now thoroughly accepted as a durable flooring material that is as hard as maple. It is also a "green" building material that is ready to harvest in as few as five years (compared with a decade or more for most woods). When it comes to installation, builders have learned that it is necessary to have a smooth subfloor because bamboo seems to allow flaws to radiate through to the finished floor. In addition, unlike other wood floors, bamboo splits at the ends, so extra care must be taken while cutting it. Because bamboo is susceptible to moisture damage, many manufacturers recommend running a dehumidifier when installing bamboo flooring on muggy days.

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